



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2004

ITEM NUMBER: 9c

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RECREATIONAL USE CONCEPT PLANS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY

DATE: October 15, 2004

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RECOMMENDATION

The Commission may consider approving a recommendation to City Council requesting that staff be directed to include for consideration in the proposed FY 05-06 budget sufficient funds to investigate and develop concept plans, where applicable, for possible recreational use of the properties listed in the City Council/Planning Division staff report of June 7, 2004 (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

At the June 23, 2004 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Commissioner de Arakal requested that the Commission investigate the possibility of creating a master "recreational use concept plan" for properties within the city that may become available for purchase at some point in the future. If approved, the Commission would be providing a "longer term vision" to meet the recreational needs of the city.

This request came as a result of a recent City Council staff report that reviewed all of the existing government-owned properties in the city (other than city-owned) that had the potential to be sold and/or redeveloped in the future. This report (Attachment 1) was generated by the city's Planning Division, and was reviewed by the City Council at their June 7, 2004 meeting. Also attached is copy of the action taken by City Council on this item (Action Minutes, Attachment 2).

ANALYSIS

Considerable time and effort may be required to review the ten (10) potential properties as listed in the June 7th report, and to determine their acceptability as a possible site for future recreational uses. Also, a review of the existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) would be required to determine which types of recreational uses could be installed on these parcels to meet the future needs of the community.

If the study is ultimately approved, and if certain properties are deemed suitable for recreational uses, staff believes the intent of the original request was to develop "concept plans" for those properties. In this way, the city would be creating a "long range, site specific" plan to assist in efforts to provide additional recreational facilities for the community, as identified by the Master Plan. Due to the amount of work that Public Services and Recreation may have to devote to this project, it is suggested that, if the Commission wishes to provide a recommendation to the City Council, it be tailored to coincide with the budget process for Fiscal Year 05-06.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The City continues to search for available properties, both public and private, with the purpose of providing additional recreational facilities to the community. As they become available, the city would then determine what types of facilities may be appropriate for the site, as identified in the existing Master Plan.

FISCAL REVIEW

At this point, staff does not have an estimate of the cost to review the subject sites and to provide concept plans for sites deemed suitable for recreational uses. This estimate would be done as part of the FY 05-06 budget process, if approved by City Council to do so.

If the review of parcels, and subsequent creation of concept plans, is approved by City Council, no funding currently exists to purchase any of the parcels, should they become available in the future. However, the concept plans would yield preliminary cost estimates for the installation of improvements on the site, and could be used as a basis for a future "recreational land acquisition/construction funding" plan to meet the needs of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required at this time.

CONCLUSION

The Commission has been requested to consider recommending to City Council a review of existing public lands that may become available to the city in the future. This review would include a determination as to the appropriateness of the site for recreational uses, and if so, a concept plan to identify how the property may be used.

If a recommendation is made to City Council in this regard, it is suggested that any funding for the study be considered as part of the FY 05-06 budget deliberations.

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Attachments- 1. [City Council Staff Report for June 7, 2004 Meeting](#)
2. [Action Minutes for June 7, 2004 Council Meeting](#)

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